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## LOUISVILLE IN OCTOBER

Indianapolis, Ind., - Just what is our decision to be at the Louisville Convention?

The theme is "Our Decision - His Mission" and in accord with this first year in the decade of 1960's, the *Decade of Decision*, the Church faces what?

That's not a foolish question for members of the church - your church, to ask. It deserves a complete answer, but it is a question that can't be answered by anyone but you and the other almost two million members of the Disciples.

The 1960 Assembly, which runs from Oct. 21 to 26 at Louisville, will not only wrestle with some possible answers to questions already raised but also try to put the collective-finger on some vital issues that need to be questioned.

Because of our democratic form of church government, each and every member of a Disciple congregation possible should be in attendance. Plan to attend the 1960 Assembly at Louisville. Register with the International Convention of Christian Churches, P. O. Box 19136, Indianapolis 19, Ind. Registration for adults is \$4 and for students \$2. Brochures with additional information and housing information may be obtained from the same address.

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### WHITHER AWAY?

**September 1** — The Decade of Decision began 2 months ago today. The Decade is 1/60th past. In the 8 weeks have you changed — or begun to change — because of some new decisions you've made about your personal Christian witness? Has the collective witness of your congregation expressed new vigor these two summer months?

We are stewards of days and minutes as well as talent and treasure. Each must be a trustworthy steward. Your daily prayers for your church's denominating under God what it should BE and DO in this ten-year Program of Advance are important. Remember other congregations and our world missions,

Pray for your leaders. In every position they need your intercession. For the churches to move daringly out into the great avenues of transforming service, strong men calls for Christian insight and boldness in great quantities that many of us have demonstrated only in droplets. Pray for yourself and others that God may use our limitations to His glory.

Because the needs of men vary so greatly, let us expect a church that serves deeply and adequately at all points of life. Help the life of the church be strong at every point.

Seek Divine direction for all of us so that every time we Christians render shall link us more intimately and consciously with our heavenly Father. We become like Him by acting like Him.

Let us pray our differences into their God-intended position; and into their true influence, our faithful dedication to the Lord of life. "Rise up, O men of God, have done with lesser things."

Dr. Wilbur Cramblet said, in assessing five years of arduous yet imaginative preparation by scores of churchmen across the nation, "I believe in the program of the Decade of Decision because the need is urgent. We are able. It is the will of God".

For preparation, what Dr. Cramblet believes is very important. But it is what you believe, what you do — what your church believes and does — that will bring fulfillment.

What do you believe and what will you do about the Decade of Decision?

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### TO THE READER

The current issue of VIEW-POINT is number three of this new publication for Christian Church families. To those who have not yet subscribed, the October issue will be the last. It is the sincere desire of your Public Relations Department that VIEW-POINT be in every Christian Church home. To that end many complimentary copies have been distributed.

Now is the time to subscribe and have the benefits of the next year's Christian Church news in your home.

**Los Angeles** — Dr. James Parrott, Executive Secretary for the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) of Southern California, has announced plans moving the State Offices November 1, 1960.

After long study and investigation, the Permanent Location Committee of the State Board of Directors led by Mr. Joe Snell reported its findings and recommended that the new site for the Christian Churches State Office and the West Coast book store for the Christian Board of Publication be at 3126 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Angeles. The location is a short distance east of the Golden State freeway which meets a pre-requisite of accessibility.

Space at the Monroe Street address has been at a premium for some time and the new building will double the available floor area. Its construction lends itself to further development and expansion as necessary.

Conditions of the lease will permit remodeling costs of approximately \$25,000 over the next three years. Occupancy by the State Offices will start in October and opening of the book store will be between the first of November and Thanksgiving.

**Total purchase price — \$180,000**

**Present Plan — a 10 year lease with option to buy at end of 2 years.**

**12,000 sq. feet**

**Remodeling costs — \$25,000 over three years.**

IN SO. CALIF. EVERYONE READS THE VIEW-POINT





# VIEW POINTS

## CAN A BUSINESSMAN BE A CHRISTIAN ?



**Peter C. Doyle,**  
14 years a Bail Bondsman  
In San Diego,  
member  
University Church, San Diego

Being a Christian businessman should be no different than being a Christian person. Christianity is a full time way of life. It is not doing just what the law or your customers demand, but instead, treating each and every person with the same Christian concern that you would want for yourself or your family.

Success in business is not who you do, but what you do and how you do it. It should not be meas-

ured in dollars and cents, but by the respect of your business associates, customers and competitors.

As a Christian businessman you may set a pattern which can greatly influence others. The result is easy; conduct your business as you would live away from the office, acceptable not only in the eyes of men but God as well.

You can be a Christian businessman and the rewards will be endless. ★

**W. Robert Nitske,**  
Layman, First Christian  
Santa Barbara, Calif.



Of course, a businessman can be a Christian, for all businessmen are not Shylocks. Whatever occupation or profession a man has chosen, as a Christian he will frequently find himself in conflict with his fellow men. Or, he ought to!

While we profess to live in a Christian world, strong evidence all around us proves that our practices are not always compatible with true Christian ethics.

Our system of free enterprise appears to leave much opportunity for abuses by those in powerful positions; it offers temptations to compromise principles so as to gain huge materialistic rewards at any price. But it also allows a person to choose the level of business practices he wants to pursue. Essentially, every man is his own master. And ethically sound business practices are in the long run those which endure and build needed reputations for the enterprise.

A Christian businessman on occasion has to forego a questionable deal and lose out on a quick and big monetary profit, but the easy acquisition of wealth by such methods is surely a poor excuse. Sharp practices are not done by any Christian, in business transactions or in contact with fellowmen anywhere.

The high moral standard of the individual person is the decisive factor, it seems to me, and it alone establishes his code of conduct in his life. ★



**by Hollice A. Favors**  
Layman, First Christian  
Reseda, Calif.

We are in an area of expanding economy and as a consequence emphasis is continually shifting, such as to create and maintain a high spirit of competitiveness in all business. As the cycles change it is necessary that the Christian continually re-evaluate his standard of business ethics in terms of his needs and the part he is playing in this ever-changing drama.

It would be presumptive to assume that a given set of ground rules will suffice for all industry. For example, it would be ambiguous to preclude that an agreement to hold gasoline within a certain price range so as not to squeeze out the independent operator would be applicable as ground rules for a construction firm entering into competitive bid for award



a contract for construction of  
am or the like.

Therefore, it is the responsi-  
ty of each individual to ex-  
me his conscience and through  
istian fellowship and mutual  
ement with his co-workers and  
petitors, derive a set of ethi-  
practices tailored for the par-  
ular area of business in ques-  
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The business man can be a  
istian; however, he must take  
quent appraisal of his code of  
ics and his relationship with  
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by D. R. Grable,  
Chairman of the Trustees  
University Christian Church  
of San Diego

Hundreds of thousands, and  
haps millions, of American  
businessmen profess to be Chris-  
ns but I have a profound con-  
tion that very few of them truly  
e. The matter of being or be-  
ning a Christian lies within the  
termination of the human soul.  
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ce his life in the hands of his  
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Christian businessman is a soul  
satisfying attainment although  
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e to make every effort to demon-  
ate that I truly appreciate my  
ll-given opportunity to serve  
fellow man as well as my  
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cerely try to practice it. My  
blem, like that of many other  
n, whether or not engaged in  
iness, is that I fail to regularly  
vermine and correct my trans-  
ssions. I would invite and  
allenge all businessmen to be  
istians. ★

## CALIFORNIA MINISTER WINS STEWARDSHIP SERMON CONTEST



Thomas J. Gibbs, Jr., pastor of  
Westchester Christian Church, Los  
Angeles, California, is the winner of  
the 1959-60 stewardship sermon con-  
test. His sermon, "Memorable Munifi-  
cence", tells of the selfless gener-  
osity of Mary at Bethany. Mr. Gibbs  
also submitted a sermon, "Beyond  
Statistics", which was given honor-  
able mention.

Second place was awarded to  
John C. Waddell, former pastor of  
First Christian Church, Aiken, South  
Carolina, now a law student at Baylor  
University, Waco, Texas. His sermon  
"Keep the Door Open", was based on  
Paul's admonition to Christians at  
Corinth.

The annual stewardship sermon  
contest is sponsored by Unified Pro-  
motion. Entries this year came from  
twenty-four states. The sermons were  
judged and the top ten selected by  
Beauford A. Norris, president of  
Christian Theological Seminary, Indian-  
apolis; Myron C. Cole, pastor of  
Central Christian Church, Indian-  
apolis, and Donald D. Reisinger,  
associate executive secretary of the  
Board of Higher Education.

Honorable mention went to James  
L. Christensen, San Angelo, Texas;  
Ned M. Romine, Ventura, California;  
Myron E. Neal, Sikeston, Missouri;  
Clyde Aldrich, Ventura, California  
layman, who delivered the sermon on  
Layman's Sunday; Gilford E. Olmsted,  
San Bernardino, California; Paul L.  
Moore, Sidney, Ohio, and Ward A.  
Rice, professor of Homiletics, North-  
west Christian College, Eugene,  
Oregon.

Rules of the 1960-61 stewardship  
sermon contest will be announced in  
the fall, according to Jack V. Reeve,  
stewardship secretary, Unified Pro-  
motion. ★

## STATEMENT REGARDING "SIT-IN" DEMONSTRATIONS

The non-violent sit-in demon-  
strations are the hallmark of a new era  
in the struggle for civil rights in the  
United States. Christians should not  
overlook the significance of this new  
movement to gain full civil rights  
immediately for Negroes. Because of  
the importance of this new develop-  
ment every Christian, every church,  
ought to consider the implications  
of this new non-violent movement.

On the basis of the above state-  
ment, the Department of Social Wel-  
fare and the Board of Trustees of the  
United Christian Missionary Society  
have produced a document which now  
may be received by the churches for  
their consideration.

The sections of the Statement  
were produced in the Social Action  
Newsletter of June, 1960. From a  
background statement, quotes are  
given on what church groups are say-  
ing, the legal situation is reviewed,  
fundamental justice against legality  
are considered, the law and order are  
treated, the Christian conscience and  
and civil disobedience are faced, and  
recognition is given to Christian dif-  
ferences of opinion.

Those who are interested may re-  
quest copies of this Statement by  
writing to the above noted Department  
at 222 South Downey Avenue, Indian-  
apolis 7, Indiana.  
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## NEW CHURCH ADVANCE DAY

September 18 is New Church  
Advance Day for the Churches of  
Southern California. Every Chris-  
tian church of Southern Califor-  
nia should take a special offering  
to be applied on the New Church  
Advance for the Decade. Offering  
envelopes will be sent to each  
church with letters of instruc-  
tion. It is hoped that 10% of the  
New Church Advance funds for  
this year, goal of \$125,000, will  
be reached on this day. In the  
afternoon the new church in San  
Bernardino will dedicate the  
property on which the building is  
to be constructed.

Remember September 18, New  
Church Advance Day and dedica-  
tion day for the property of the  
new church in San Bernardino.



# THROUGH CONTROVERSY



**SANTA MONICA CIVIC  
AUDITORIUM**

A young college co-ed singing in the Chapman College choir walked quietly on stage along with her peers. The spirit of the Convention began to take form when one could sense her inward and outward struggle. Polio had tried to rob her of activity, but two arms and two aluminum crutches gave evidence of the determination and faith with which she faced life.

A second side to the Convention drama was happening as the paper and pencil work ground out Resolutions for serious concern and studied votes.

Many men and women for the first time in their lives began to see a side of Protestant Christianity that spelled work and sweat. It has taken nearly five years to merely pull together the leadership and material needed to call for an unanimous vote on merging the several agencies within the State organization. (Unification).

It will take another few years to develop all of the areas of concern, but a milestone has arrived. These are now united into one working force: State Assembly, Christian Missionary Society, Department of Christian Education, Christian Women's Fellowship and the Christian Men's Fellowship.

Was there controversy?

Yes, there was and shall always be in Disciple meetings. Somehow it's a part of the heritage with which the Christian Church was born.

Dr. Harry V. Richardson, guest speaker from Georgia, lifted the spirit of fellowship and worship wherever he went. Left in the minds of those who met him were the words, "having faith in mankind makes worshipping God much easier." He reminded the Convention that pain and sorrow is a part of the price paid for a working faith. In kindness and love he spoke to the final evening session, telling of God's love for mankind and His hope for brotherhood and peace among all men.

Stepping away from the pulpit, Dr. Richardson was instantly awarded a standing ovation. It was an ovation for being what so many want to attain—love in the midst of controversy. You see, Dr. Richardson is a Negro.

Growth takes place when room is left in which to move and grow. Perhaps there is no greater opportunity for such movement and growth as in Southern California. It took one minute to vote to establish 100 new churches in the 1960's but it will take considerably more by way of personal effort to match that decision with faith-testing stewardship with which to build them. \*

The officers for the 1961 Assembly are shown as they met with friends in the exhibit area.



## PRESIDENT

Rev. Sim M. Spencer (left), minister of the 105th Street Christian Church, visits with the President for next year's Assembly, Rev. Dwaine Cerbin. The trophy was awarded 105th Street Church for its percentage (367%) registration at the convention.



## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

John K. Sloan, Attorney  
Wilshire Christian Church



# THE KINGDOM

## YOUR CONVENTION RESOLVED----

No. 3

### ALCOHOLIC EDUCATION

That we urge our churches to include in their budgets financial support for the Council on Alcohol Problems, and that we urge every church to plan a program of alcohol education that will reach the entire membership and that we further urge total abstinence on the part of church members.

No. 4

### COMMENDING THE PRESIDENT

That we commend the President of the United States on his tours of friendship, and

That we urge the continuance of summit meetings and negotiation, pursuing every possible avenue of understanding and agreement that may lead to a just and durable peace.

No. 5

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PEACE EDUCATION

That every church be urged to send at least one representative to the training sessions being set up in cooperation with the National Council of Churches, and,

That the churches be urged to follow up by availing themselves of every opportunity to strengthen their peace witness through study, preparation and action.

No. 11

### LISTING OF MEMBER- SHIP IN THE YEAR BOOK.

1. That only the active membership be reported to the Year Book.

2. That only those members be considered active who have attended, contributed or participated in the church program during the last twelve-month period.

3. That the indigent, the sick and/or shut-ins or any other, who for valid reasons, cannot participate in the above described, shall be continued on the active membership roll.

4. That the inactive member shall not be removed from the official church record and that his name be placed upon a periodic cultivation list.

### RECORDER

William R. Terbeek (left), Associate Secretary in Christian Education, speaks to Rev. Enoch Henry, newly-elected Recorder and pastor of East 28th Street Christian Church, Los Angeles.

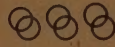
### 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Harlan Palmer (left), publisher of Hollywood Citizen-News, talks convention with newly-elected First Vice President, Mrs. Glenn T. Welin. She is a member of East Side Christian Church, Long Beach.





# How to make money for GOD



by Floyd B. McCarthy

- TO INCREASE INCOME WE MUST FIRST INCREASE FAITH
- A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION MUST BE CONTINUOUS

The first thing that we all must realize when we are trying to raise appropriate funds for our churches is that the monies coming in are in direct proportion to the degree of faith the congregation has in God, in their leadership, and in one another. To increase income we must first increase faith.

We can and will accomplish this if we have a program of education and administration for our total congregation. This program must go on year around and not just during Stewardship week or month. The United Stewardship Canvass, in which 46 of our Southern California Churches participated this last spring, is this kind of program. It is a program that is primarily concerned with what happens in the lives of people; and it helps people, and consequently churches, to grow and prosper. It is based on the truism "To give is to live, to withhold is to perish."

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, your heart will be also," or it can be paraphrased "Your interest follows your dollars." Not only will your church budget prosper in this program, but you will find new leadership and increased interest in your old guard.

## How "Secret" Should A Pledge Be?

One of the most deadly things in our churches which is keeping us from prospering in the stewardship realm is secrecy. While it is true that some good givers are modest and desire no praise or recognition for their giving, many others are hiding their poor attitudes and poor giving under the cloak of these few good givers. If we were proud of our giving activities and habits, we would not mind witnessing that giving. The only people I know who do not wish to reveal what they give are those who are ashamed of the gift they are giving. Any full gross tither is

willing to tell you he believes in tithing because knowing what it has done for his life, he wants the same good fortune to fall on his fellow Christian brother.

The United Stewardship Canvass this year was filled with success stories, but one I would like to share with you was in my district. This church had a pledged income of \$59,000 in 1959 and 1960. Their pledged amount for the next year, due to the United Stewardship Campaign is over \$81,000. Could your church use an additional \$22,000 or 45% increase next year?

Let me suggest that you participate and be a part of next year's program of stewardship, and the cost is only  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% of your present current expense and benevolent budget.

If you wish to increase your church income, you must be concerned with improving the spiritual lives and experiences of your people. As they grow in faith and knowledge of the will of God and as they come to an ability to follow His commandments, they will receive his promised blessings. Let us all unite in our efforts to help one another know God and His will, and may we learn that our gifts in His name transfer into heavenly coin. The more we give ourselves and our treasures away, the more God gives us to share with His children. ★



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# SCHOOL - DAY RELIGION

by Paul T. Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Citizen are hurrying in their last minute preparations to send Junior back to school this fall. Along with the consideration of adequate clothing, who the teacher will be, and how he will get to school; Mr. and Mrs. Citizen should be concerned with School-Day Religion.

The American Constitution expects the separation of Church and State, but allows for Released-Time Christian Education, legal, as long as public school machinery is not used. Therefore, students may be released by their parents or guardian to go to an appointed place near the school for religious instruction. The appointed place is usually a home or a church. Each local school board must be approached by the churches regarding release of pupils within that community. A working relationship is thus formed by the local School Board, the Community, the Churches, and the Parents, to teach Junior some religion in school. Alice L. Goddard's article, "Whose School Is This?" in the Bethany Church School Guide, July issue, tells of a fifth grader who recently asked his teacher to read the 23rd Psalm again, for he had never heard it before. This was his first introduction to the Bible.

California Education Code, Section 8268 gives permission for Released-Time Classes with parental consent. Cities and School Districts differ widely on how this program is handled, but for purposes of informing Southern California Christian Church members of the situation I will focus attention on one city's program - namely Los Angeles:

"Evelyn came home with a yellow card, 'Request for Released-Time Religious Instructions,' and I don't know which of the four groups listed I should release her to," said one Pacoima mother to her minister. The Minister replied, "We are officially part of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, therefore, please check 'Church Federation.'"

Boys and Girls of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades are released by parent or guardian to attend these classes, arranged for by four church groups with the Los Angeles School Board. The groups are: Roman Catholic, Christian Science, Christian Released-Time (Independent churches), and Church Federation. Children are welcome regardless of church background.

Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) are generally part of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, which is composed of 22 cooperative Protestant groups, one phase of which deals with Released-Time Education. Qualified, trained, lay leaders usually teach, after proper training in "In-Training Institutes," teacher's meetings, and receipt of prescribed Bible teaching materials. ★

# PEN POINTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: For good reading here is a fresh and exciting letter received recently by the Conference Office registrar.

June 27, 1960  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Mrs. Hensley:

Here are two more conference applications! This is a record for Las Vegas. (They have registered 19 young people.) I was just thinking of starting a project with these young people now. They could begin earning or saving for their camp expenses for next year. Perhaps you might have some suggestions, if so, I would appreciate your viewpoint. I want to be Conference Secretary next year.

My twins have raved and raved about the wonderful time they had. They arrived home at 1:45 Sunday morning and talked until 3 a.m.! It was really a meaningful experience and I wish I could send you a record of their conversations with friends to whom they formerly would have only mentioned "church" with an embarrassed groan. The morning watch was one they enjoyed.

Earl liked his counselor so much he can hardly wait to develop the movies he had taken to show us.

Lawrence enjoyed saying grace for the group twice. He also said he liked his counselor - "a swell guy" - he said.

I wondered if these boys were the same ones that used to be bored so easily and afraid to admit enthusiasm.

I am so grateful for our church and thank God for leading me to it. My prayers were truly answered as I prayed to find a church like Christ in its teachings to help my family and me to become Christian in a real and living way.

Your work is appreciated. Thanks for everything.

Mrs. Peggy Lampel

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Dear Editor:

Please extend my subscription for another two years for which I am enclosing the necessary two dollars (\$2.00). What with the centennial of my alma mater, Chapman College, next year plus news of old friends, I simply must continue my subscription.

The progress you people have made in the past twenty years is almost revolutionary. From this distance I am probably more aware of your tremendous strides than those of you close at hand.

With best wishes, I remain,  
An old friend,  
Elmo Peterson  
Chicago, Illinois



# WHY KEEP IT TO YOURSELF ?

by James A. Warren,

*Secretary of Evangelism and Stewardship for the  
Christian Churches of Southern California*



## ● IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE IS CALLED "GOSPEL"

All of us at one time or another discover something which we are eager to share with our friends. It may be a good buy in the bargain basement, an unusually fine movie, or perhaps a remarkable cure for a cold. In any case, we have a happy bit of good news and we hasten to spread the good word.

It is no accident that the Christian message is called "gospel" — good news. It is a discovery at the heart of life which impels us to share with those about us. As churchmen we need to ask ourselves why it is that we are often so spontaneous in sharing our discoveries at the fringe of life and yet so timid in sharing our faith in Him who is life itself.

One reason for evangelistic timidity is the awareness of the intellectual shallowness and emotional excesses of certain minor but vocal religious sects. Rather than run the risk of being mistaken for a "fanatic" or a "crack pot", we just keep our religion to ourselves.

A second reason why many members shy away from enthusiastic Christian witness is because they feel theologically insecure. In a day when Scriptural exposition is relegated to the province of the expert and the variety of religious interpretation appears as a maze of jungle underbrush, there is an understandable tendency for church people to assume a type of sophistication which shuns all things theological and concentrates upon ethical values as the essence of Christianity. The unfortunate result of this tendency is an apathetic and ineffective church for man simply cannot be redeemed by "works" (his own moral achievement).

Perhaps the most decisive reason why we are so reluctant to share our faith is that we have such little faith to share — or to state it another way — we have not appreciated the great value of what faith we do have. We have more to share than we know. However theologically inept we may feel, however reluctant to use the worn-out shibboleths of certain revivalistic sects, however inadequate we may think our own spiritual achievements to be — we have much to give — more than we often realize.

We can share with people our conviction that God is a God of Love. We can witness to the fact that the universe is friendly to man; that behind all human

A "Fall Evangelism Advance" for our churches in Southern California will be held this year beginning September 18, leading through Thanksgiving up to Christmas. Decision Sunday will be December 11, 1960.

Leadership for participating churches will be provided in each district by a trained director. The dates of these Training Sessions are September 18, October 9, November 20 and January 15, 1961.

Congregations wishing to participate in this program should communicate with the State Office.

life there is a cosmic purpose. We can assure men that they are not alone and need not face life alone.

We can witness that man can change; that life can be redeemed. Man need not go on living in self-defeat, desperately wasting himself on false hopes and false values. He need not be anxious, bitter, frustrated, and disillusioned. He can be changed, born again, transformed into a new creature by the power of God's love and the example of His Son.

We can tell man that there is a fellowship of men and women like himself that will stand by his side and help him. They constitute the church, and together with him they will submit themselves to the guiding love of Jesus Christ, and so find life abundant.

This much at least we can all share. It is only a beginning, but it is a decisive beginning. It is front page copy. People who have lost their way are waiting to hear it and feel it. The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few. As we of the church seek to deepen our own faith, we must also share what we already have. Imperfect as we are, we have much to give our world — more than we know. ★



# FAMILY RESOURCES

. 2, the second in a series of articles  
Mr. Canady.

In a previous article (*July, viewpoint*) "resources" for family worship, which were derived from meaningful everyday experiences of life, were discussed. Sometimes it is a special occasion in the life of the family as when a younger member joins the church. Sometimes relatives are invited in for a big day in the life of a boy or girl or young person. The gift of an appropriate book to remind him or her they have now been received into the fellowship of the church will be long remembered. At such times there can be meaningful worship. Another occasion might be during the last meal before a son or daughter goes to college, or enters military service. Holidays, which are really "holy" days, are rich with possibilities for thankfulness to God for their meaning to us. Times of joy or sorrow, crisis or victory, might well offer enriching opportunities for a family to worship together.

If such occasions are natural and frequent enough in the daily weekly round, is it not possible at the more "scheduled" times of worship, such as table grace, Bible reading, family prayers, attendance at church, will be more readily accepted and desired by members of the family? As one boy at Junior Camp expressed it after several days of worship related to everyday experiences, "Up here at camp it is easy to pray."

One of the first requisites to family worship is that it must be desired by members of the family. This can come about as worship related to what members of the family understand and know, and



by E. Dean Canady,  
*Secretary of Christian Education for the  
Christian Churches of Southern California*

not what adults always feel and experience. Provision must be made at an early age, and should not be left just to the church school.

Take the matter of helping a child become acquainted with the Bible. A home-made picture book with four or five carefully selected color pictures of Jesus cut from religious journals and pasted in a scrap book might become invaluable as a parent "opens" the Bible for the first time to a small child. If the child has shared with the parent in making the "picture book" then it becomes his, as the Bible should be his throughout his life.

There are many Bible picture and story books for children now available, such as Janie Walker's "My Bible Book", and Orton's "Small Rain". These illustrate simple passages of scripture and make them meaningful to the little child. Bible story books will replace the picture books of the primary child, and as his reading skills develop he will want a Bible of his own. However, the parents will best help this to happen as it transpires in the home, using whatever counsel and help the church school has to offer. Again, if such helps can be used to illustrate or enrich by comparison, or explanation of the common exper-

iences of the child, then religious faith is equated in the young growing mind with life and does not become compartmentalized as has so often occurred. It becomes as easy to say "thank you" to God as to express gratitude for a gift thoughtfully given by a friend.

There are many "resources" for worship in the family. In a concluding article, some further specific ideas will be suggested for a family to share in. ★

## A PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the privilege of having the little magazine "View Point" that we may learn more about our brotherhood and friends by reading it.

We thank you for the men and women who are trying to mold Thy Substances into those things that enrich and bless lives.

Be with the Officers and members of View Point as they work and plan. Give them the energy, the will, the strength and ability in the building of Thy Kingdom here on earth.

May they give their attention to the constant demands of the present-day living.

As they edit View Point may they see things of greatest worth and importance.

We know they will go forward with grace and poise.

Ed. - The V-P staff is sincerely grateful to Mr. Elmer J. Wines, writer of the above prayer, and to others, for their sincere wishes for our new Southern Calif. Church Magazine.



# STATE BOARD

June 14, 1960

The final meeting of the State Board of the Christian Missionary Society of Southern California was held on June 14. Present were the members of that Board along with the new members of the Board of Directors of the Christian Churches of Southern California. The new Board of Directors, carrying a larger responsibility than did the former group, is larger numerically. There are 56 members of the 1960-61 Board of Directors. Actions approved include:

1. Authorizing James Warren to attend an orientation meeting in Indianapolis in early September. This because Mr. Warren is a new member of the field staff, and all new personnel has this opportunity.
2. Empowering the officers of the Board of Directors to join with the officers of the Assembly to appoint the program committee for the 1961 Assembly.
3. Noting that "membership" in the Christian Churches of Southern California, "shall be composed of the churches and agencies committed to the cooperative program of the Brotherhood known as The Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors."
4. Reviewing some factors in developing a strategy for Urban Church Development. In connection with an area of South Los Angeles, studies have included representatives from the department of Urban Renewal, the city of Los Angeles, and All Peoples Church, Avalon Christian Church, and East 28th Christian Church have been carried on. These studies confront a drastic change in this section of Los Angeles and look forward to helping churches discover what should be their future plans.
5. Choosing officers for the Board of Directors for 1960-61. The president is Dennis Savage, pastor of the Temple City Christian Church, and his colleague is vice-president George Tolman, minister at First Christian, Orange. Richard E. Tunison, member of First Christian Church in Reseda, was elected treasurer.

## SUGGESTION BOX

Pasadena Central's choir went on vacation but its director, Mrs. Mary Tichnor, certainly did not. She organized the four adult church school classes and the several youth classes into rotating choirs. Each Sunday one class dons the choir robes and participates in the worship service. In addition to an anthem each class has learned responses, call to worships and benedictions.

Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)  
Southern California, July 19, 1960

The initial meeting of the Board of Directors under Unification was attended by 36 members. John Hedwall, Monrovia pastor, led in the devotions. Actions of the Board included:

1. Elected four members of the Board who will serve with the officers of the Board and the chairman of the department of Business and Finance to compose the Executive Committee. Chosen were Mrs. Karl Harris, Mrs. Lloyd Keyser, Willis M. Whitaker, and Mrs. W. C. Roseberry. The Executive Committee is responsible for carrying out the program in keeping with already established policies determined by the Board of Directors.

2. Set alternate months as meeting times for the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors will meet September 20, November 15, January 24, March 21 and May 16.

The Executive Committee will convene on October 18, December 20, February 21, April 18 and June 20.

3. On recommendation of the Nominating Committee, they elected Mrs. L. C. Mosely as a member of the Board of Directors from the Metropolitan district; and Mrs. Alberta Craggett as a member of the Joint Commission on Aging. Approved the suggestion offered jointly by the Nominating Committee and the District Presidents that one of the members on the Southern California Nominating Committee from each district become the chairman of the district nominating committee.

4. Authorized the attendance of Darrell McGavran, chairman of the World Outreach department, in the Asilomar Missionary Conference; the participation of Robert Burton, chairman of the department of Ecumenical Relations, in the meeting of the National Council of Churches in San Francisco in early December.

5. Recognized that the next new church to begin in Southern California will be in the northern section of San Bernardino. The first services will be held on Sept. 18.

6. The Southern California Committee of Decade of Decision is involving two persons from each district in this important group which will be responsible for the motivation and development of meaningful aspects of church program during the 1960's.

7. The committee on Permanent Location of the State Offices, after several years of study and searching, recommended that a lease with an option to purchase the property at 3126 Los Feliz be approved.

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## DISTRICT FUNCTIONAL INSTITUTES

As the Fall programs begin, valuable aid will come from members of functional departments in the District Fall Institutes. Experienced leaders can aid workers new to their duties, too.

Each District Institute will have a separate one and one-half hour "how to do it" session for:

- Evangelism
- Membership Development
- World Outreach
- Stewardship and Finance
- Worship and Devotional Life
- Christian Education
- Social Action and Community Service
- Property

In addition, a special group for the minister and the board chairman of each church will consider the next steps in the Decade of Decision. These are planned by the Southern California committee on the Decade.

Dates and places of meeting are as follows:

### —COASTAL

Sunday, September 25  
3:00 p.m.

### —SAN FERNANDO-KERN

Saturday, September 17  
7:15 p.m.

### —SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Thursday, September 22  
7:15 p.m.

### —METROPOLITAN

Friday, September 23  
7:15 p.m.

### —SAN BERNARDINO-RIVERSIDE-SOUTH NEVADA

Monday, September 19  
7:15 p.m.

### —HARBOR-BAY

Tuesday, September 27  
7:15 p.m.

### —ORANGE

Tuesday, September 20  
7:15 p.m.

### —SAN DIEGO

Sunday, September 18  
3:00 p.m.

### —IMPERIAL

Thursday, September 29  
7:15 p.m.

First Christian Church

200 South East Avenue

Santa Maria, California

First Christian Church

4390 Colfax Avenue

No. Hollywood, California

First Christian Church

220 South Fifth Street

Alhambra, California

Hollywood-Beverly

Christian Church

1717 North Gramercy Place

Los Angeles 28, California

State Street Christian Church

604 East State Street

Redlands, California

First Christian Church

1105 South Meyler

San Pedro, California

First Christian Church

109 East Wilshire

Fullerton, California

First Christian Church

430 Second Street

Chula Vista, California



## LOCH LEVEN SUMMER SERVICE STAFF

(left to right) 1st row: Nancy Miller, Cathy McConnell, John Alvis, Bobby Kadama, Lee Van Zandt, 2nd row: John Miller, Joyce Miller, Marty Miller, Ralph McConnell, Margaret McConnell, Sulie McConnell, Juanita White, 3rd row: Stephen McConnell, Patti Thorson, Cathy Murphy, Anita Rader, Janice Green, Ralph Wright. (Katie Dunlap not shown).

Each summer volunteers are accepted to serve on the staff at Loch Leven. This year there were sixty applications for the sixteen positions. The boys care for the property and keep the kitchen supplied as well as wash dishes. The girls work in the kitchen and do some house-keeping. Mr. and Mrs. Miller work as a team with Mrs. Miller as camp nurse and life guard and John as the staff work camp leader. Margaret and Sulie McConnell with Juanita White make up the cooking staff. The young people serve for a period of six weeks with two terms filling the summer. A part of each day is taken for personal enrichment and leadership training. Those chosen have qualities that fit them as junior counselors and resource persons in the camp life. Anita Rader and Katie Dunlap assisted in two Chi Rho Conferences where other staff was lacking.

In addition to those shown above there will be eight other young people beginning their term of service on July 30. They are: Terry Hunnicut, Jerry Dulaney, Harry Sippel, Bill Gillespie, Marilynda Allen, Eleanore Reade, Patricia Martin, and Judith Hansen.

## DEACON'S DILEMMA

by Walt Stanchfield



"AND HERE COMES THE THREE AND TWO PITCH TO HOWARD....."



Yes!

Secretaries and all other employees of the church are eligible for Pension Plan membership.

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✦ While making the 1960-61 budget include the entire staff in the Pension Plan.

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# PROGRESS

A NEW CHURCH IS BORN



## CWF HONORS PREXY

Mrs. W. K. (Edith) Evans, President of the International Christian Women's Fellowship will be in Southern California in September. She will be honored by the Fellowships of Southern California at a RECEPTION on Thursday, September 29, from 1-3 P.M. at the Torrance Church.

Mrs. Evans was elected to a four-year term at the Purdue Quadrennial Assembly in 1957, and she will preside over the coming Quadrennial, July 19-26, 1961.

The International Christian Women's Fellowship includes more than 250,000 women of the Christian Churches (Disciples) throughout the United States and Canada.

This will be Mrs. Evans first trip to Southern California and she will have other activities during her week stay: she will meet with the State CWF Board for their annual two-day orientation conference at J.O.C. Lodge at Pacific Palisades, and the following Sunday she will be the Woman's Day speaker at the South Bay Christian Church, Redondo Beach.

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## LAYS CORNERSTONE

LOS ANGELES - The 105th Street Christian Church at 105th and Avalon on July 10 formally laid the cornerstone of its church building. Pastor Sim M. Spencer reported that the Christian Men's Fellowship sponsored the ceremony.

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## BETHANY CHURCH NOTES ADVANCES

PASADENA - George W. Crain has completed ten years as the minister of the Bethany Christian Church here. As the congregation came to its 45th Annual Meeting, the congregation was rejoicing that their increase of total giving to "others" was from \$4,061.00 in 1951 to \$12,332.00 in 1959 or about 300%. The per capita giving for missions and benevolences increased from \$10.30 in 1951 to \$34.25 in 1959!

Physical property of the church has been improved and added to by the addition of a house and lot to the south of the church property. A portion of that lot has been made into an off-street parking area.

"Two goals are set before us for the next decade. The first concerns our giving for others," writes Mr. Crain. "The goal is 'as much for others as for ourselves' by 1970! The second goal is evangelistic: It aims at a 50% net increase of our membership in ten years!"

The first church for the Decade in Southern California will come into being on September 18 in the north end of San Bernardino. On this date following the calling blitz of July 24 when approximately 70 callers met and made about 1400 calls and 75 prospects were found, a nucleus group will have been formed under the auspices of the State New Church Advance Commission. On September 18 a commissioning service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church and will leave for their first services of worship in a rented building near the property. At the close of the service a fellowship dinner will be enjoyed by both churches in the San Bernardino area and at 3:30 in the afternoon the property will be dedicated.

Since this is New Church Advance Day throughout Southern California a delegate from each of the 120 churches is expected to be present at 3:30 to participate in a service of dedication for the property being given to the new church by First Church in San Bernardino. The property is located at the corner of Severance Blvd. and "F" Street in the city of San Bernardino. All Christian Church members of Southern California participating together will make this a great day in the New Church Advance program as the Kingdom of God is extended.



In an impressive ceremony on Sunday, June 19, the congregation of East Side Christian Church, Long Beach, California, presented their pastor, Rev. John W. Messer, with a check to defray the expense of his trip to the Sixth World Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland and a tour of the Holy Land. Rev. Messer's tour, culminating with the attendance at the Convention, will approximate two months. Mr. Smith Crain, left, Chairman of the Official Board presents the check while Mr. Chester Boardman, Chairman of Elders looks on.



# COMING EVENTS

- Sat. 3-10 SOY Conference at Loch Leven
- Sat. 3-10 Young Adult Fellowship at Camp Seeley
- Sat. 3-10 Middle Adult Fellowship at Camp Radford
- Sat. 7 Urban Church Commission
- Sat. 8 District R. E. Chairmen
- Sat. 8 R. E. Department
- Sat. 10 Commission Meeting
- Sat. 12 New Church Advance Commission
- Sat. 13 Churchman's Foundation
- Sat. 13 Ministers' Meeting
- Sat. 14 Children's Work Commission
- Sat. 14-16 Field Staff Retreat at Loch Leven
- Sat. 15 Budget and Promotional Relationships
- Sat. 18 New Church Development Day
- Sat. 18 San Diego Dist. Institute
- Sat. 19 Riverside-San Bernardino-So. Nevada District Institute
- Sat. 20 State Board Meeting
- Sat. 20 So. Cal. Council, Comity Commission
- Sat. 20 Orange District Institute
- Sat. 22 Seminary Foundation
- Sat. 22 San Gabriel Dist. Institute
- Sat. 23 Metropolitan District Institute
- Sat. 24 Conference Grounds Department
- Sat. 25-26 Coastal District Institute
- Sat. 26 San Fernando-Kern District Institute
- Sat. 26-27 CWF State Board Retreat
- Sat. 27 Harbor-Bay District Institute
- Sat. 29 Imperial District Institute
- Sat. 29 CWF Tea at Torrance First
- Sat. 29 Christian Education Department Meeting

## NEWS FOR JUNE 1961

### POMONA ROLLS OUT RED CARPET

POMONA, July 3 - On Sunday First Church welcomed the Pieter van der Meijden family to the United States. This family is a small segment of those displaced persons from Indonesia who wait hopefully in the Netherlands for relocation.

The Social Concerns Committee as part of World Outreach paved the way for their arrival. A furnished house awaited the family and all of Pomona Church is scouring the vicinity for a job for Pieter. Church members are anxious to show the children, Harold, 7, and Priscilla, 3 years, the sights of Southern California. VIEW-POINT adds its prayer for the success of Pieter and Adelgunde as they begin their new life in America with the loving support of their church family.



"GOODNESS, HERE'S THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE VIEW-POINT ... AND WE STILL HAVEN'T SENT IN OUR SUBSCRIPTION"

The chairman of the program committee and the president of the 1961 Assembly consider the calendar for June, 1961, as the executive committee establish the date. James Hempstead, left, and Dwaine Cerbin carry principal responsibility for the Southern California Assemblage to be held on the campus of Chapman College at Orange beginning Wednesday, June 21, 1961.

Further details will develop presently since the executive and program groups already have held two meetings.

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### REACHING OUT TOGETHER

LOS ANGELES - The Christian Churches Office has received four copies of the new color, sound filmstrip, "Reaching Out Together".

This is the story told by a seminary professor when the student ministers and Christian education directors ask, "What is Unified Promotion?"

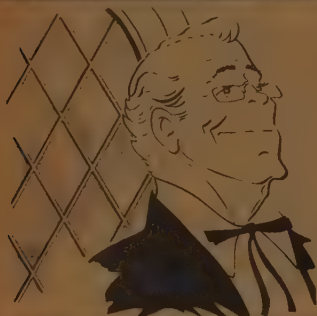
The 81 frames, which can be seen in 15 minutes, help the viewer understand more clearly how this servant of the churches is a tool to help them reach out together around the world with Christ.

The filmstrip may be ordered from 4160 Monroe Street in Los Angeles. Groups and classes within churches would do well to see it and use it along with their study of other missions enterprises for the year.



**Brotherhood**

**The Country Parson**



**Said Our Challenge For The Sixties**

**OUR CHALLENGE FOR THE SIXTIES**

Churches are still receiving needed copies of the Unified Outreach booklet whose cover appears above. The booklets are good tools for local church and district committees on stewardship and world outreach.

While many churches already have received these booklets, others may be ordered from the Christian Churches Office and will be available as long as the supply lasts.

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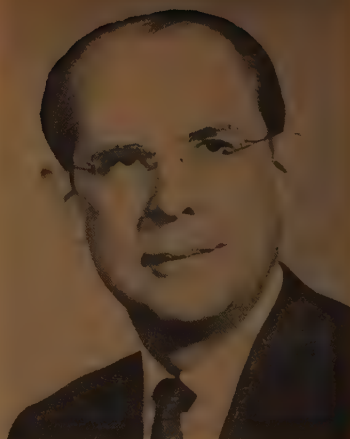
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**ORANGE**—The Rev. Wales Eugene Smith, minister of the First Christian Church of Santa Monica, received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Chapman College at the school's 98th annual Commencement Exercises Sunday (June 5).

Reverend Smith received his A.B. degree from Burler University in 1932 and his B.D. degree from the Yale University Divinity School in 1935.

His many activities include: President of the board of trustees of the California Christian Home, Rosemead; member of the executive committee of the trustees of the National Benevolent Association, St. Louis; and member of the advisory board of the Santa Monica YMCA.

He is a former president of the Santa Monica Bay Ministerial Association and vice president of the Southern California Christian Church Ministerial Association.

**SENIOR CITIZENS LOOK AHEAD**

**ROSEMEAD** — Interest in the increasing problems and opportunities of the aging comes naturally to our people at California Christian Home.

With an eye to the future and the growing group over retirement, representatives from the Home met with the Community Service Department of Los Angeles County. The information prepared at this meeting will be presented at the Governors Conference this Fall and the White House Conference in January, 1961.

**THANK YOU, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS**

Dr. Hollis L. Turley, president of the Pension Fund of Christian Churches writes to express appreciation for the State Convention offering for ministerial relief.

"I wish you might know how much joy this brings to the people who are so dependent upon the gifts from the churches of our Brotherhood.

"It has been our experience that most of the money that we send out in the form of ministerial relief enables these people to pay long overdue doctor bills or to make it possible for them to purchase badly needed glasses or things of that nature.

"In spite, however, of what it means from a monetary point of view, most of them express the feeling that it is not so much the money as it is the fact that they have not been forgotten by the Brotherhood."

The offering in 1960 was \$456.51.

**NEW MINISTER TO MERGED CHURCHES**

**GARDENA, First** — For a year the two former congregations of the Gardena Church and the Morningside Park Church have been finding their way together with a high sense of unity under the leadership of Clayton Wilson as the interim minister.

On July 17, in a service of commitment, the new First Christian Church joined with its new pastor, George Fiske, to begin a significant witness in this community. As a part of the service the church was presented its Charter Membership Scroll and a Certificate of Recognition from the Christian Churches of Southern California. Making the presentation was A. Ray Wellington, Administrative Secretary for the Christian Churches of Southern California.

Mr. Fiske is a recent graduate of the College of the Bible in Lexington, Kentucky. While in the seminary, he ministered to the Walton Christian Church. His home church is the First Christian Church in Whittier, and his wife is the former Ethelyn Brown, daughter of Mrs. Greta Brown Plopper.



## B & PW Women Visit House

Over one hundred members of the Business and Professional Women of the Christian Churches in Southern California gathered at the Home on Saturday July 16 for a business session, picnic luncheon and musical program. Miss Elizabeth Utter, new president of the organization, presided. Although it was a hot day everyone enjoyed the occasion, especially the residents of the Home. The B. and P. W. voted to make their visit to California Christian Home an annual affair.

Mrs. Lillian Harrington, R.N., has recently come on the staff as head nurse. She obtained her training at the Orange County General Hospital and took graduate work at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles. Her experience has included hospital nursing, doctor's office, public health, and industrial. She lives in Rosemead with her husband and thirteen children.

Paul B. Kennedy, Director of Development, is hard at work on plans for the construction of apartment units on the grounds of the Rosemead property. He hopes that necessary preliminaries can be disposed of so that twelve apartments may be built while the nursing unit is being erected. Several individuals have indicated a strong interest in residing in these independent living quarters. Others have invited to contact Mr. Kennedy if they desire information about this project.



**FAITH IN ACTION**—Young People Excavating the Baptistry at Bell Mountain Christian Church.

## "AMERICAN FREEDOM AND CATHOLIC POWER"

by  
Paul Blanshard

*Selected and reviewed by Mrs. Forrest L. Brock, Richmond, Indiana.*

In 1949 Mr. Blanshard first wrote this book but in 1958 he completely revised and rewrote it. He has made this book a documentary study which every lay person can understand. It is an excellent book for our high school and college students to read. He gives us plain facts about the Catholic question. Mr. Blanshard quotes from Catholic sources and thus lets the Catholics speak for themselves.

He discusses such issues as Church, State and Democracy, Sex, Birth Control, Church and Medicine, Education and the Catholic Mind, Marriage, Divorce and Annulment, Science, The Catholic Plan for America, etc. Mr. Blanshard says "the conflict between Catholic hierarchical has never been more obvious. Millions of Americans who have never been aware of the issues involved in the struggle have now come to realize that the battle is one of the irrepressible conflicts of our time."

May be purchased from Christian Board of Publication, Box 179, St. Louis 66, Missouri.

Over the three day Memorial Day Weekend a Workcamp for youth was sponsored by the First Christian Church in Whittier, California. The locale for the workcamp was the Bell Mountain Christian Church near Victorville. The desert heat didn't deter the young people in their efforts to help this struggling congregation enlarge their facilities. The excavation for the baptistry was completed, studding was put up for the new chapel, and the grounds around the building were leveled and cleaned.

The Rev. F. C. Chambers, pastor of the Bell Mountain Church expressed the thanks of the congregation to the young people at the Sunday morning service of worship.

Curt Moody, Director of Youth at the Whittier Church has announced that the young people at Whittier First Church are currently engaged in refinishing children's furniture that will be used in the educational program of our newly formed Downey Memorial Church.

## RETURNING FRIENDS

Two ministers who have served in Southern California or who have lived here after retirement are back in the Southland again.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldis Webb closed their ministry with the Tillamook, Oregon, church in June and came to the Los Angeles area to retire. They are making their home at 2424 - 6th Street in Burbank. After having started another new church in Washington State, where he had been serving since October 1, 1959, C. M. Ridenour and his wife have come back to their home in Pasadena. They live at 1144 Tierra Alta Drive.

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## SETHLANDER BECOMES OREGON EXECUTIVE

**BANK** — After 11½ years as the pastor of First Christian Church, Henry L. Searle has presented his resignation to be effective September 18. Following that time he will go to Portland, Oregon where he will become the executive secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society. Charles Addleman retired from this position on June 30.

In these years the missionary work of the First Church has tripled, there are two link missionaries. A new sanctuary was completed a few years ago, and within the last year an associate minister came to the church.

Mr. Searle has served in numerous local and state positions, including the presidency of the State Convention and the presidency of the Executive Board.

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# FAMILY ALBUM

## SUNDAY IN THE PARK

**MONROVIA** - The new Sunday evening services in Library Park here have been very successful, reports John Hedwall, minister of First Christian Church.

Sponsored by the Monrovia Ministerial Association the services will be planned each Sunday by individual churches. The first evening found 200 people gathered at the bandstand to hear Dr. William S. La Sor speak on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

## WEEDA TO NEW PULPIT

**VISTA** - Billy B. Weeda has submitted his resignation as the pastor of the First Christian Church of this city. After having served two years in this community, he will become the pastor of the First Christian Church in Arlington, California, on September 11.

Yet it will not be only Mr. and Mrs. Weeda who will go to Arlington. Their first daughter, Rebecca Kay was born on June 19.

The Vista church has gained an advantage in that during the summer the chancel area was remodeled to strengthen the spirit of worship in the multi-purpose room.

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## IMPERIAL VALLEY CHURCH GETS NEW PASTOR

**BRAWLEY** - Edward Pollard began his ministry with the First Christian Church on July 1. Mr. Pollard is a recent graduate of the Southern California School of Theology.

Before his final work at Claremont in the seminary, he had served as the education minister of First Christian Church in Alhambra.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary Pollard.

## JONES TO WHITTIER

**GLENDALE, Central** - The Minister of Education here has resigned to accept a call of the First Christian Church in Whittier to become the assistant minister and director of youth. Jerry Jones will come to his new work on September 1.

A graduate of Chapman College, Mr. Jones completed his graduate work at the Southern California School of Theology in June of 1959.

## SAN DIEGO NOW MINISTERS AT GRIFFITH PARK

Robert G. Biggs on July 24 began his ministry with the Griffith Park Church in Los Angeles.

In past years Mr. Biggs served as an associate minister of the East San Diego church and as the minister of the Holtville Christian church. Following that he served in the Mountain church in Denver prior to his return to San Diego.

The Griffith Park Church has acquired a new parsonage into which Mr. and Mrs. Biggs will move with their two children, Nancy and Robert.

## MINISTER UNDERWENT SURGERY

In late June, William Ayers, pastor of the Cajon Valley Christian Church, underwent major surgery. Regrettably this story for VIEW-POINT was written in mid-July which made it impossible to give a more recent report.

## CHAPLAIN RETURNS TO PASTORATE

**EL CAJON, First** - Harold Christmann began his ministry with this church on August 1, following an installation service on July 17. The service of installation was conducted by Dr. William Baird, minister ad interim, and Dr. Wayne Neal, executive secretary for the Council of Churches in San Diego.

Chaplain Christmann is no stranger to the Christian churches of San Diego. He has been stationed there for the last three years in Naval service. He is a graduate of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

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**BARSTOW** - J. Barbee Robertson of Chapman College, Orange, is serving as the interim minister of this congregation.

Nearly two years ago Carl H. Belcher was the speaker for the United Outreach Conferences. He was called home from those meetings because of the illness of his wife, Mrs. Belcher passed away in early June, following an attack of influenza. Sharing with Mr. Belcher in the loss of his wife are the two daughters, Carol and Lee.

## NICHOLS BEGIN NEW PASTORATE

**VICTORVILLE** - William Nichols has begun his work as the minister of the First Christian Church here. Formerly the minister of the Vista La Mesa Christian Church in San Diego, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have moved here from Arlington where he served as the interim minister.

## NEW MINISTER TO BE INSTALLED

**SANTA MONICA, Sunset Park** - George Reeves, Jr., will be installed as the minister of the Sunset Park Church on Sunday morning, September 11.

Until recently Mr. Reeves was the associate minister of the First Christian Church in Tucson to which position he went following his graduation from Yale Divinity School.

It is a homecoming for this young man too. He grew up in Southern California where his father was a pastor and then the president of Chapman College.

## SISTER OF LUCILE SMITH PASSES

Many folks who participate in the cooperative life of the church in Southern California know Miss Lucile Smith, the able secretary to the State Secretary. Miss Smith and her sister, Pauline, lost a third sister, Angie, by death on July 5. Miss Angie Smith, a former teacher, had been an invalid for several years. Memorial services were conducted at Hollywood Hills on July 8 by their pastor, B. Frank Cron, Glendale.

► From the First Christian Church in Rochester, Minnesota, comes a letter from Dr. Leland Cook. Since his retirement from the Central Christian Church in San Diego, Dr. Cook has filled many important pulpits as an interim leader.

► Bert W. Bruffett, minister of the First Christian Church, Wilmington is recovering from major surgery. He entered the Good Samaritan Hospital August 2.



## RDS HIT JACKPOT

**S VEGAS** - First Church bid Ralph and Judy Ford goodbye after four yrs service as choir director. They were surprised by a gift from the congregation of 85 silver dollars to help ward the expense of moving to Wichita, Kansas, for an indefinite period of graduate study.

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## FORMER PASTOR IS WILSHIRE TERIM

**LOS ANGELES, Wilshire** - Dr. M. Kellison is serving as the interim pastor of this congregation. For several years he served as the minister of the church, concluding his work in 1947 to become the provost of Chapman College. After a 13-year absence from the ministerial leadership of this congregation, Dr. Kellison came back on his first Sunday, August 7, speaking on, "and as I am saying."

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## COULDN'T HAPPEN DEPARTMENT

**SANTA ANA** - Camile Church reports that "gone over the top" on its Outreach giving. At the final count they had given \$657 more than was pledged.

**SAN DIEGO, Kearney Mesa** - This new congregation on July 31st installed its first full-time minister. Harry McHarg, formerly of the First Christian Church in Brawley, was set apart to this ministry in the service conducted by Dr. James Parrott, Interim Secretary.

## EDTVEDT CLOSSES PASTORATE

**EAGLE ROCK** - Henry F. Hotvedt has moved to Portland, Oregon, where he became the pastor of the Englewood Christian Church. He closed his work with the Eagle Rock congregation on July 3.

M. Rolla Grimm has begun his work as the minister of the Eagle Rock congregation. He formerly pastored the Cypress Park Christian Church.

## MARRIED 2,082 YEARS

**SAN DIEGO, University** - When the church here honored their 41 Golden Wedding Anniversary couples, the combined years of marriage added up to 2,082.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bidwell proudly walked off with the honor of "longest twosome" because of their 66 years of marriage.

## OUTSTANDING FAMILY CHOSEN

**LOS ANGELES, All Peoples** - The Wendell Hill family was chosen as one of the outstanding Negro families in Los Angeles. A resume of their accomplishments was made on a radio network and All Peoples is justly proud to count this fine Christian family among its members.

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## "GIVE NOTHING CLUB" FAILING FAST

**AZUSA** - First Church here finds it difficult to keep members in their "Give Nothing Club". The club seems to have been unpopular since its inception.

Even though only God and the members know who belongs, everyone is rushing to get their name off the roll by making a commitment for the coming year.

## DORIS HODGSON TO EUROPE

**SANTA MONICA, First Church** - Many good wishes were sent along with Miss Doris Hodgson as she left her interim post as Youth Director.

The church family looks forward to interesting letters from Doris as she spends her summer in a work camp in Europe, then goes on to the Yale Divinity graduate school in the Fall.

## OBSERVES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Dr. Royal J. Dye, pioneer missionary to Congo, Africa, was a special guest on July 10 at the West Adams Christian Church in Los Angeles. The pastorate of this ten-year old congregation is shared jointly by father and son, Kojiro Unoura and David K. Unoura.

► President Ben Harris, of the Metropolitan district, calls attention to the first organizational meeting of the Central district of the Christian Churches of Southern California. It is to be held on Friday, September 9, at Sunset Park Christian Church, 1515 Maple in Santa Monica, at 6:30 p.m. The dinner is \$1.25.

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## WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP BUILDING DEDICATED

**SAN PEDRO** - Where there was a canyon, there came to be level ground. Where there was no house, the people of First Christian Church erected a beautiful worship and fellowship building which this Summer was set apart in a formal service of dedication.

The pastor, E. Kenneth Beckett, led in the service during which Dr. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Christian Churches, preached on the theme, "Thine is the Glory".

The men and women of this congregation planned and labored tirelessly to erect and furnish the first two buildings. Present value is \$233,000, and with good management and with over 20,000 hours of donated time the project cost \$146,000.

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## FULLERTON MARKS SEVERAL CHANGES

**FULLERTON, CALIF.** - While June 30 marked the close of the ministry of Dr. Carlton Buck in the First Christian Church here, he was the "guest preacher" the first Sunday in July. This was because on July 2 Dr. Buck had a wedding in Fuller

ton. Dr. Buck had a wedding in Fullerton while Roy Bullock, who is now known as the associate pastor of the Fullerton Church, was preaching in Eugene, Oregon to which pulpit Dr. Buck has gone. Eventually it was all straightened out, and Mr. Bullock got back to Fullerton and Dr. Buck to his new pastorate in Eugene.

Roy Thorpe is serving as the minister ad interim in this congregation. From the pastorate of the First Christian Church in Centralia, Illinois, Mr. Thorpe spent 6½ years with Unified Promotion before his retirement. His home now is in Ventura.

## MISSISSIPPIAN TO METROPOLITAN CHURCH

**LYNWOOD** - The congregation of the First Christian Church has approved a call to Elbert M. Reeder to become its minister. The pastor of the Vicksburg, Mississippi, Christian Church has accepted the invitation and plans to begin his work in Southern California on October 1.

The Reeder family, including their three children, will find it especially pleasant since Mrs. Reeder's parents live in El Monte.

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## RETURNS FROM HAWAII

**REDONDO BEACH** - Dr. Hugh J. Williams has begun his service as the associate minister of South Bay Christian Church. Beginning August 1, he carried the principal responsibilities for this ministry while the pastor, Dwaine Cerbin, attended the World Convention.

During the months immediately prior to their having come to Redondo Beach, Dr. and Mrs. Williams were the organizing leaders of the new Windward Christian Church in Hawaii.

C. M. Ridenour, retired minister who lives in Pasadena, and Mrs. Ridenour are in Phoenix, Arizona, where he is serving as the interim minister at the Creighton Christian Church.

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**LONG BEACH, Bixby Knolls** - Edward Joseph Read has been carrying on an effectual ministry in this congregation during the Summer, following a service of installation on Sunday morning, June 12.

## NEW WORKERS MET AT CHAPMAN

**ORANGE** - Chapman College was the scene on June 25 of the Southern California Orientation for departmental workers. Over 100 men and women gained a perspective on their year's work which began July 1.

Dr. Hoke Smith Dickinson, speaking to the group before it divided into separate departmental meetings, said, "Those who build the cities must learn to walk with God as they build; and those who walk with God must also build the cities as they walk with Him."

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## C.O.B. GRADUATE TO SAN DIEGO CHURCH

**LA MESA** - The Vista La Mesa Christian Church has extended a call to Richard G. Davis to become its minister. While he completed his seminary training at the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, he ministered to the church at Sharpsburg, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, with their four children, have planned to move to this city in early September so that he might take up his ministry at that time.

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## RE-ENTERS BUSINESS FIELD

**VAN NUYS** - Central Christian Church has received the resignation of its pastor, Paul Thompson. Before he attended Brite College of the Bible, Mr. Thompson had been in business so when an interesting opportunity to re-enter the business world came to him, he decided to move to the San Francisco area.

San Rafael is their new residence where they moved in August.

## PASTOR ENTERS HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

**EL MONTE, First** - In order that he may become the first full-time Chaplain of Inter-Community Hospital in Covina, Robert Burton has resigned his pastorate of this congregation. He began his new work with the Covina Hospital on September 1.

"This opportunity fulfills a long-time desire on my part to be more closely associated with the healing ministries," said Mr. Burton in his letter of resignation.

His work as a chaplain will include his calling upon all of the Protestant patients of the hospital and providing bedside communion for them once a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton and their family have moved into their new home in Covina.

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## THIRD GENERATION PREACHER TO NEW POST

**PASADENA, Central** - M. Clifford Cole on July 10 was installed as the minister of Christian Education, joining the pastor, Dr. Wesley P. Ford. The month prior to this date had been a full one for young Mr. Cole and his family.

He was graduated from the College of the Bible at Lexington, Kentucky, having completed his seminary training. With his father, Myron Cole, and his grandfather, Dr. Clifford A. Cole, sharing in the service, he had been ordained to the Christian ministry in the Central Christian Church in Indianapolis. Now in this formal service he entered into a new full-time relationship with the Central congregation. A graduate of Chapman College, he and Mrs. Cole are "back home" in Southern California.

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## CHAPMAN A MEMBER OF UNIFIED PROMOTION

Chapman College became a member of Unified Promotion on July 1. For churches in this area, this means several things:

First, it means that Chapman College is one of sixty institutions or agencies receiving church support through Unified Promotion. Among these also is the State Missionary Society.

Second, it means that from now on there will not be a separate item in your church budget for the support of the General Operating Fund of the College. This item will be combined with your budget item for Unified Promotion and remitted monthly to Unified Promotion.

Designated offerings for the new library building, scholarships, books, etc., will continue to be sent direct to Chapman College.

Third, personal gifts sent to the college will receive church credit only when requested. All personal gifts will be credited for the purpose for which it is designated. All gifts will be acknowledged.

Fourth, a church can reach its life-line church goal by giving 20% of its total budget, excluding building funds, to Unified Promotion. Life-line churches will continue to have available a \$275 scholarship for a new student from their church during the next school year.

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Churches which reached their life-line church by June 30 have been given a one year privilege of being recognized as a life-line church during the year 1960-61 if they will write a letter to the Director of Church Relations of Chapman College by September, requesting this privilege and giving the figures to show that their giving to Unified Promotion this year will exceed their giving for last year, including all the causes which will be in Unified Promotion this year.

Although Chapman College will not now be as keenly aware of the gifts of each individual church, we will be aware of the generous support of our churches when a check from Unified Promotion arrives about the 15th of each month. Your continued support is appreciated.

### CHURCH SUPPORT FOR CHAPMAN COLLEGE FOR 1959-60

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

General Fund	\$65,622.80
Furnishings for	
Residence Halls	6,065.59
Books for Library	251.60
Scholarships	11,845.07

TOTAL \$83,785.06

### MISSIONARIES RETURN

*Editor's Note: The Don Ri family, missionaries from India, serving the Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab, India, for many years, writes as they cross Europe on their way "home":*

"On August 1 our ship, the OSLO FJORD, docks in New York and our very first 'event' will be a Ri family reunion somewhere in the East. Then will come the critical period of choosing a challenging job. Of almost equal priority is choosing a place where the children can have good schooling, since it is for this reason that we have decided to leave Mission service - at least for several years. There are many possibilities in all sections of the U. S., but we find ourselves giving preference to those on the West Coast. We will need to cross the country rather directly, with brief stops for interviews and visits, so that we can be settled in the chosen spot in time for the children to begin the school year. We do hope we can see some of you."

#### VIEW-POINT

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# A Basic Family Ritual - - Meal Time

The second in a series of articles in  
the interest of family relations.

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Despite time and care spent in the preparation of the meal and the reassuring hope that 'this meal will be different', is your family meal time turning into a brief moment of monstrous munching of food or, even worse, a time of sullenness and bickering?

The dining room table may well become one of the strongest forces left for family unity, provided we are careful to be aware of the meaning of breaking bread together.

If we check ourselves on the following list of 'don'ts' and prepare step by step on the list of 'do's', there is hope for the family meal time to become again a time of peacefulness and togetherness.

1. Don't make the food and table manners the main topic of conversation. (Preparation for how to eat, like the food, should be done before actual meal time. Breakfasts and times when the family are not united can be used for reminders of manners - an unobtrusive signal will suffice during the big occasion of a loving family together.)

2. Don't gear the conversation to the youngest. (We won't learn much from baby's babble.)

3. Don't jump up and down from the table. (A

little planning and organization will keep this to a minimum.)

And now for the 'do's' to make the meal time a pleasurable occasion:

1. Do make it an important occasion. (Set the stage with a few flowers; the children rested and clean; the dinner ready to be served.)

2. Do try to have conversation. (Each person earn their right to be a participating member by contributing a 'good event' that happened to them that day.)

3. Do start each meal with bowed heads in grace or silence for spiritual unity.

4. Do try to make the meal a stimulating experience for everyone. (Go beyond the neighborhood - bring in topics of community interest. Extend the family horizons.)

5. Do decide to start now by attempting a special meal' once a week.

Watch the eyes brighten and the faces light up when your family makes meal time a time of sharing physical, mental, emotional and spiritual experiences. ★